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AMENDMENT IN TELECOM TARIFF POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to amend the existing telecom tariff policy in view of the growing competition in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has discussed the matter with the private telecom operators;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to solve the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) No, Sir.Presently,the Government has no proposal to amend the existing tariff policy in view of growing competition in the country.Currently,Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has been empowered by TRAI Act of 1997 to notify tariffs for various Telecommunications Services.In exercise of its powers,TRAI has laid down the framework for tariff policy in the Telecommunication Tariff Order,1999 which is amended from time to time depending on the market developments and also to bring about enhanced transparency.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No,Sir.The Government has not discussed the matter with the private telecom operators.As detailed above,telecom tariffs in the country are regulated by TRAI.

(d) & (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.